of the silver tray that once accommodated his correspondence. The feminine army still is operating in squads, pairs and lone scouts throughout Manhattan, but up to a late hour last night had not discovered the place of concealment of the intended victim.

But the head of the Hoffmann corporation fears that this temporary success will not last. Consequently, he sent out an urgent call for help last night, dating it "somewhere in New York." Mr. Hoffmann wishes to make known the fact that he is neither a bank, building and loan association, or employment bureau, and that he is not planning to compete with the organized charities. Nor does he deaire to promote beauty shops, massage parlors, patent schemes, boarding houses or other enterprises in which girls with "besuitful voices and exceptional tigures" are interested.

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tion of his profits for some charitable enterprises. After due consideration, he settled upon the education of two deserving girls as the best method of carrying out this good intention. He then wrote a letter to the Board of Education, leaving the selection of the objects of his philanthropy to that bedy.

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The real trouble came, however, when the newspapers published this decision on his part, Sunday morning. The announcement apparently did not fail to reach the eye of every mother, daughter, aunt or father who had an ambition to get something for nothing, or thereabouts.

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more telephone calls, bushels of letters and urgent appeals for financial aid in every other known method of communication have compelled the harrassed Mr. Hoffmann to abandon his once comfortable hotel quarters and barricade himself against business callers.

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In his plea for assistance from The Tribune last night, he set forth that he appreciated the thousands of blessings heaped upon him, but couldn't afford the touches that went with them. He said that he was not seeking "lady friends," that he was sorry to hear that so many young women were compelled to work in shops and factories for \$6 a week, but didn't possess the remedy. Nor has he openings in his business for the sons of beautiful widows.

L. A. Hoffmann, incipient philanthropist, desires to return to his former obscurity, and hereby begs that Desires Old Obscurity.

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# CATHEDRAL EXERCISES MAY 8

Governor, Mayor and Bishop to See Ground Broken for Nave.

May 8 has been decided upon as the date for the services of the breaking of ground for the building of the nave of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine. The services will begin at a o'clock. Bishop David H. Greer will preside and the full choir of the cathedral will reader masic

preside and the full choir of the cathedral will render music.

Governor Whitman and his staff.
Mayor Mitchel, justices of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court, bishops of adjoining dioceses and a large number of prominent clergymen will attend the services. President Butler of Columbia University and Governor Whitman will speak.

The grounds of the cathedral will be a procession from the cathedral to the spot where the formal breaking of ground is to take place.

Immediately following the services the Cathedral League will hold its annual meeting in Synod Hall, at which Bishop Greer will preside and adsigned the cathedral designed and adsigned the cathedral league will hold its annual meeting in Synod Hall, at which Bishop Greer will preside and adsigned to the cathedral league will hold its annual meeting in Synod Hall, at which Bishop Greer will preside and adsigned to the cathedral league will hold its annual meeting in Synod Hall, at which Bishop Greer will preside and adsigned to the cathedral league will be cathedral to the special cathedral league will be services the Cathedral League will hold its annual meeting in Synod Hall, at which Bishop Greer will preside and adsigned to the cathedral league will be a state of the cathedral league will be a sta

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James J. Van Alen is the purchaser of the residence of Mrs. Edward J. Brown at 15 East 65th st. a few door east of the twin Aster homes at the north corner of Fifth av., reported sold in yesterday's Tribune. The property, which comprises a four-story dwelling in plot 31k100.5, was purchased through Worthington Whitehouse for a shade under \$130,000, the asking price.

Mr. Van Alen has engaged Harry Allen Jacobs to prepare plans for an American basement residence to replace the present structure, which has been owned by the seller since 1900.

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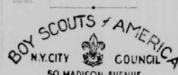
One of the rarest California views, thought to be the only known copy, showing the corner of Montgomery and California streets, San Francisco, in 1853, brought the top price last night at the opening session of the sale at the American Art Galleries of views of old New York and other cities. It was bought by Hill Tolerton, who also paid \$75 for a rare view of the harbor of San Francisco, drawn and engraved by Thomas Armstrone.

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